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599 West Price River Road
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Subject: Permittee Response to Division Deficiencies to Midterm Permit Review, Canyon Fuel Company, LLC, SUFCO Mine, C/041/0002, Task ID# 2325, Outgoing File

Dear Ms. Carlton:

The Division received a response to the eleven deficiencies, which were aired by our permitting staff during the midterm permit review of the SUFCO Mine permit. Several of the deficiencies, and the associated submitted response are relative to issues, which are of concern to the Manti LaSal National Forest. A copy of the Permittee's response is enclosed for review by your staff. Of particular interest to your agency will be proposed changes to the subsidence monitoring program, and revisions to the permit relative to riparian vegetation in the Link Canyon drainage.

The Division anticipates completing the review of the Permittee's response by October 17, 2005. If possible, the Division would like the Forest Service staff to review the comments by that date and forward any concerns to Mr. Peter Hess, team lead for this project by the aforementioned date. He can be reached at (435) 613-1146, Ext. 203, or by E-mail at petehess@utah.gov.

If you or your staff have any questions, please call me at (801) 538-5286.
Thank you.

Sincerely,

D. Wayne Hedberg
Permit Supervisor

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